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COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. Between 27 and 30 May, Stendal-Borstel airfield was still occupied by single-engine planes. Four radio installations, including one with four masts, were observed on the edge of the landing field. (1) About 5 p.m. on 7 June, two trucks [REDACTED] with mounted searchlights left the field. [REDACTED] the searchlights were 1.5 meters in diameter. On 4 July, parachuting was practiced over the field, allegedly from an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters. 25X1
3. On 7, 9 and 11 July, no air activity was observed at the field. Three biplanes, 6 IL-2s and 80 IL-10s were counted at the field. [REDACTED] 25X1

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4. Three batteries each of six 37-mm guns were observed on the western, northern and southern edges of the field. Near each battery there were 12 large tents in which the officers and EM were quartered. About 60 men were observed with each of the three AA gun emplacements. The vehicles of the AA guns were also parked at the field. (3) 25X1
5. In early July, splinterproof revetments surrounded by earth walls, about 1.5 meters high, were being constructed at the field. Twenty-eight revetments were completed. (4)

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7. On 7 July, six canvas-covered 37-mm AA guns with gun shields were emplaced along Stendal-Borstel road. Each gun had one gunner and was surrounded by an earthwall.

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No activity was observed in the AA gun emplacement. Some tents, each 4 x 4 meters and with an estimated height of 2.5 meters, were rigged about 80 meters behind the guns. (3) On 10 July, four semi-circular earthwalls, about 1.2 meters high and about 20 meters apart, were under construction in the northeastern corner of the field. From their type and size source inferred that they probably were aircraft revetments. In the evening, six trucks, including two light Studebakers, [redacted] hauled sand to this site. (4) and (5)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Of the four reported radio installations the existence of the following three installations are known: an Adcock DF station on the eastern edge of the field and two radio installations with one mast each in the northeastern corner of the field and in the area of the hangars. The type and exact location of the fourth installation has not been determined.
- (2) This large number of IL-10s is reported for the first time [redacted] indicating that the field is not only occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with a maximum of 60 IL-10s but also by another unit with IL-10 aircraft. [redacted] the unidentified unit is an air reconnaissance regiment. [redacted]
- (3) [redacted] AA guns arrived at the field. [redacted]
- (5) It is notable that no flying but only some parachute jumps were made at the field.

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